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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.7610 OF 2007

B-Cat Security Services ... Petitioner

V/s.

State of Maharashtra ... Respondent

Mr.K.S. Patil for Petitioner
Mr.R.P. Behre, Additional Government Pleader, for Respondent

CORAM: **J.N. PATEL &**
SMT.NISHITA MHATRE, JJ.

DATED: **NOVEMBER 29, 2007**

P.C.:

. The limited relief which has been sought by the petitioner is to issue a writ of mandamus to the respondent to decide the proposal of exemption u/s 23 of the Maharashtra Private Security Guards (Regulation of Employment and Welfare) Act 1981.

2. The learned additional Government Pleader submits that the matter cannot be considered in view of the Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005. This Act specifically prohibits engagement of private security guards without licence. Whatever may be the case, we do not find any reason why the respondent should not take a decision in the matter of proposal made by the respondent. Therefore, we dispose of this petition with a direction to the respondent to decide

the proposal of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible, preferably within six weeks. The petitioner to communicate this order to the Competent Authority.

3. Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(J.N. PATEL, J.)

(SMT.NISHITA MHATRE, J.)